

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a method for providing content to  
5 network devices in a communication network. A level of  
congestion of the communication network is determined (305).  
A cost of service is calculated based on the level of  
congestion (310). The network devices are informed of the  
cost of service (315). A first selection is received from a  
user of a network device specifying a content to be downloaded  
to the network device during a download process (320). A  
second selection is received from the user specifying a cost  
of service threshold for the download process (325). The cost  
of service is automatically compared to the cost of service  
threshold (330). The download process is automatically  
performed, when the cost of service is less than the cost of  
service threshold (335).